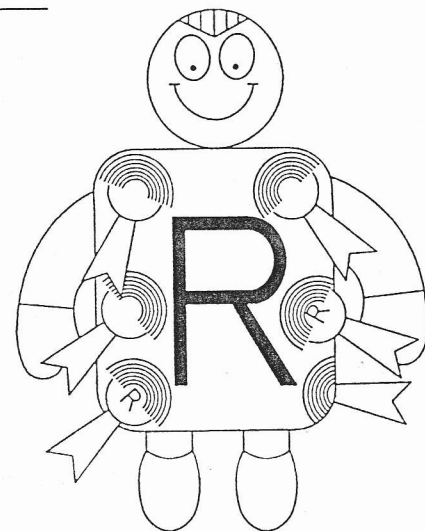


**Family
Letter
R**



Dear Family,

I'm Mr. R! Don't you just love my rainbow ribbons? I win rainbow ribbons by raising the rosiest, reddest roses in the Land of The Letter People! My rainbow ribbons help the children remember my letter and my sound.

- ✓ Here's one of my favorite poems. Read the poem aloud with your child. Then reread the poem. Ask your child to stop you whenever you read a word that starts with the same sound as rainbow ribbons. Remind your child to Prove It: Say "rainbow ribbons robin."

R is for ribbon,
a rose
and a ring,
a ruby,
a raindrop
and a robin in spring!

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- ✓ After you have read the poem, ask your child to circle lowercase r wherever it appears at the beginning of a word in the poem.
- ✓ Spend time reading nursery rhymes and singing children's songs with your child. You might want to choose some old favorites that start with the same sound as rainbow ribbons—for example, "Ring Around the Roses" and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Read the rhymes and sing the songs several times, and encourage your child to join in as the words become familiar.

Sincerely,

Mr. R